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Serial No.: 09/483,337)	Examiner:	L. Crane
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Filed: 14 January 2000)		
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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR NONENZYMATIC LIGATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND DETECTION OF GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS)		

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner is thanked by Applicant's Representative Victoria Sandberg for the telephone interview of December 30, 2002. All pending claims (claims 44-48, 50-54 and 56-60) were discussed.

The Examiner indicated the claims 50-54 were allowable, and inquired whether Applicant's Representative would authorize an Examiner's amendment cancelling claims 44-48 and 56-60.

Applicant's Representative indicated that she did not have the authority to authorize cancellation of any claims without the consent of the client and other interested parties, and would attempt to contact them. However, she also drew the Examiner's attention to the recitation in claim 44 that the universal and mutant probes are not directly adjacent to each other, and the recitation in claim 56 that the target polynucleotide is RNA, and argued that these claims were also free of the prior art. Claims 45-48 depend from claim 44; claims 57-60 depend from claim 56.

Applicant further notes that in response to the Examiner's telephone call on Tuesday December 17, 2002, indicating that the case could not be allowed unless formal drawings were filed, 19 sheets of formal drawings were quickly prepared and hand-delivered to the United

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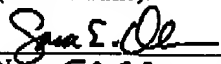
States Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2002.

As it is December 30, Applicant's Representative was unable to reach the parties who need to be consulted prior to cancelling any claims in this matter. These parties should be reachable the week of January 6 if the Examiner wishes to delay action on the matter. However, Applicant's Representative believes that claims 44-48, 50-54 and 56-60 are all allowable over the art of record and submits that the record supports issuance of a Notice of Allowance as to all the pending claims.

Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned attorney.

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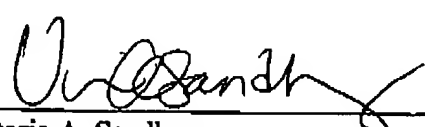
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